

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition comprising (A) an anionic surfactant and (B) trimethylglycine, wherein the components (A) and (B) are added at a weight ratio (A)/(B) = 1/3.5 or greater but less than 4/1 2.4/1 and the pH of the original composition or the pH of the composition diluted with purified water to a concentration of use is adjusted to 2 or greater but less than 6.5.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant as the component (A) is at least one selected from the group consisting of alkyl ether sulfates, alkenyl ether sulfates, ether carboxylate surfactants, amide ether carboxylate surfactants, phosphate surfactants, N-acylamino acid salt surfactants, polyoxyalkylene fatty acid amide ether sulfates, acylated isethionates, acylated taurates and N-alkylamido alkanol sulfates.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~which contains~~ comprising the components anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 0.1 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~, further comprising a at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactants, cationic surfactants and nonionic surfactants in an amount ~~of~~ from 0.001 to 30 wt.%.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, which is a skin detergent composition.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The detergent composition according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, which is a face wash.

Claim 7. (New) The detergent composition according to Claim 3, comprising the anionic surfactant (A) and the trimethylglycine (B) in amounts of from 5 to 40 wt.% and from 0.1 to 40 wt.%, respectively.